

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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IN RE: CENTURYLINK SALES  
PRACTICES AND SECURITIES  
LITIGATION

MDL No. 17-2795 (MJD/KMM)

This Document Relates to:  
Civil File No. 18-296 (MJD/KMM)

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING PLAN OF ALLOCATION  
OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND**

This matter came on for hearing on July 20, 2021 (the “Settlement Fairness Hearing”) on Plaintiffs’ motion to determine whether the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund (“Plan of Allocation”) created by the Settlement achieved in the above-captioned class action (the “Action”) should be approved. The Court having considered all matters submitted to it at the Settlement Fairness Hearing and otherwise; and it appearing that notice of the Settlement Fairness Hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was mailed to all Class Members who or which could be identified with reasonable effort, and that a summary notice of the hearing substantially in the form approved by the Court was published in the *Investor’s Business Daily* and was transmitted over the *PR Newswire* pursuant to the specifications of the Court; and the Court having considered and determined the fairness and reasonableness of the proposed Plan of Allocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated January 29, 2021 (the “Stipulation”) (ECF No. 354-1), and all capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulation.

2. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Order and over the subject matter of the Action and all parties to the Action, including all Class Members.

3. Notice of Plaintiffs’ motion for approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation was given to all Class Members who could be identified with reasonable effort. The form and method of notifying the Class of the motion for approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules; constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled thereto.

4. Over 950,000 copies of the Notice, which included the Plan of Allocation, were mailed to potential Class Members and nominees and no objections to the Plan of Allocation have been received.

5. The Court hereby finds and concludes that the formula for the calculation of Recognized Claims as set forth in the Plan of Allocation mailed to Class Members provides a fair and reasonable basis upon which to allocate the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members with due consideration having been given to administrative

convenience and necessity.

6. The Court hereby finds and concludes that the Plan of Allocation is, in all respects, fair and reasonable to the Class. Accordingly, the Court hereby approves the Plan of Allocation proposed by Plaintiffs.

7. Any appeal or any challenge affecting this Court's approval of the Plan of Allocation shall in no way disturb or affect the finality of the Judgment.

8. There is no just reason for delay in the entry of this Order, and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed.

SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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The Honorable Michael J. Davis  
United States District Judge